Case File: AA-82862 AK-040-01-EA-024

Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact for Transfer of Jurisdiction by Withdrawal, King Salmon, Alaska

I. Decision:

It is my decision to recommend the transfer of jurisdiction, by withdrawal, pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and 43 CFR 2310, of 1.25 acres of land currently held by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to the United States Air Force (USAF) in King Salmon, Alaska. The purpose of this action is to allow the USAF to control access to an environmental remediation project while it undergoes revegetation. The project requires long term exclusion of all public access that could cause damage to the vegetation or cause surface erosion. The parcel lies adjacent to the remediation site and will protect the area from intrusion. The parcel is located within the N½NE¾SW¾SW¾SE¾, Section 15, T. 17 S., R. 45 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The Proposed Action would authorize the transfer of jurisdiction, by withdrawal, of 1.25 acres from the FAA to the USAF to control access to an environmental remediation project while it undergoes revegetation.

There were no public comments received from the published notice in the Federal Register.

This action will not have an economic impact on the surrounding lands or city.

The action being authorized would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

A mineral potential report concluded the subject parcel has low potential for coal resources, geothermal resources, and locatable minerals, but has moderate potential for oil and gas and high potential for the occurrence of salable minerals.

No land use plan exists for this area. However this environmental analysis assesses the impact of the Proposed Action and provides a basis for a decision on the proposal.

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III. Finding of No Significant Impa

Based on the analysis of potential impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

No significant restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conversation Act have been found.

/s/ Clinton E. Hanson	<u>11-15-01</u>
Acting, Anchorage Field Manager	Date

Attachment

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